

Judith A. Monroe, M.D. State Health Commissioner



DATE:

February 5, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

GKI Foods Inc. Expands - Peanut Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Peanut Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone,

fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. Their products have been distributed in bulk nationwide through retailers, wholesalers and firms who repack or sell products under their own brand names.

To assist their customers in distinguishing recalled product from replacement product, GKI Foods Inc. is changing the color of our labels. Recalled product labels are black print on a white background. Replacement product labels will be black print on a blue background.

Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

GKI Foods Inc. Expands Nationwide Recall of Peanut-Containing Candies Because of Possible Health Risk

Contact:

Jim Frazier 248-486-0055

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- February 3, 2009 -- GKI Foods Inc. of Brighton, MI is expanding its February 2, 2009 recall to include an additional candy product containing peanuts, because it too has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Our products have been distributed in bulk nationwide through retailers, wholesalers and firms who repack or sell our products under their own brand names.



The following product is being added to our recall: Milk Free NSA Carob Fruit and Nut Clusters, net wt. 10 pounds, Country Life Natural Foods, Pullman, MI; UPC 1264716010.

No illnesses, associated with our products, have been reported to date.

GKI is recalling all of our peanut based products due to the expanded recall by Peanut Corp of America that included peanut types purchased by GKI Foods Inc.

GKI Foods Inc. has had no reports of any illnesses with any of our products to date.

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Customers who have purchased peanut related products from GKI may destroy the product or contact GKI for further direction at 248-486-0055 M-F between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST.

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